

Highways 1 and 17 Widening for Merge Lanes
Project Status Report
October 2004

- Right of Way Clearance is the last major activity necessary to complete the design phase of this project. Outstanding acquisition offers for temporary and permanent construction easements, and utility relocations remain. Right of Way funding for STIP projects has been cut until November. An exception request has been submitted to provide the necessary right of way funding in spite of the current spending guidelines. We are awaiting approval of the request. In the meantime, work continues as possible.
- Archeological subsurface studies in the vicinity of Branciforte Ave. (the Lorenzana Adobe, a known National Register archeological site) were completed the week of October 4-8, 2004. Laboratory processing of artifacts and/or soil samples is scheduled for completion by December 20, 2004. This site will be impacted by soundwall construction.
- Design remains on schedule. Final design details are being completed, and cost estimates checked.